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Plaintiff,

No. CIV S-03-2556 GEB JFM P

VS.

THERESA SCHWARTZ, et al.,

Defendants.

<u>ORDER</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding pro se with a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On February 17, 2006, plaintiff filed a request for an extension of ninety days in which to file and serve an opposition to defendants' February 1, 2006 motion for summary judgment. That request was granted by order filed March 8, 2006. Plaintiff has now filed a request for reconsideration by this court of its ruling on his February 17, 2006 request. Plaintiff seeks a specific ruling on that aspect of his request that sought an order requiring defendants to depose plaintiff's proposed inmate witness, Escalante, and to provide plaintiff with a copy of the transcript of said deposition, and that sought to compel defendants to provide a further response to a request for production of documents apparently propounded by plaintiff to learn inmate Escalante's "true name and prison ID number" so that he might contact said inmate to be a witness in this matter.

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In accordance with the scheduling order filed June 3, 2005, discovery closed in this action on September 23, 2005. Plaintiff did not timely file a motion to compel the discovery he now seeks. Moreover, the discovery request to which plaintiff now seeks a further response sought a "CDC-154 Bed Move slip with inmate Escalante's transfer to P-3 Ad/Seg between October 1 through 8, 2003." (Ex. A to Plaintiff's Rule 56(f) Request, filed February 17, 2006.) Defendants objected to the request on the grounds that the information sought was not relevant or "reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence" and that "information in the case records of inmates may not be accessed by other inmates or parolees pursuant to Title 15, California Code of Regulations, Section 3370." (Id.) Plaintiff has made no showing defendants' response to the discovery request at issue was inadequate. Finally, defendants are not required to depose plaintiff's proposed witnesses for purposes of aiding plaintiff in the preparation of his case-in-chief.

For all of the foregoing reasons, plaintiff's request for an order compelling discovery will be denied.

In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Plaintiff's April 14, 2006 request for reconsideration is granted; and
- Upon reconsideration, plaintiff's request to compel defendants to depose inmate Escalante and to provide a further response to his request for production of documents is denied.

DATED: May 23, 2006.

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